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Since our early ancestors left no written family history, an effort was made to supply the deficiency by consulting old church records, cemetery records, old courthouse records, etc. Many of these records are inaccurate and even contradictory. As an example, the records of St. John's Reformed Church of Lower Heidelberg Township, Berks County, Pa. says John Dorst was baptized March 1, 1767 and born October 6, 1767. In other words he was baptized 7 months before he was born. In another case, cemetery records show that two brothers were born 6 months apart. In such cases, we have had to choose the date that seems most reasonable.

HANS (John) CASPER DURST (Dorst)

According to tradition, Hans Casper Durst was born the same year as George Washington (1732) and died in 1823. This seems unlikely, since he arrived in Philadelphia as an immigrant September 11, 1738 aboard the good ship Robert & Oliver (or Alice). He would thus have been just six years old. Rather young for an ocean voyage.

The date of his death is likewise uncertain. A field stone in the old Union Cemetery in Salisbury, Pa. inscribed "C.D. 1836" was long believed to mark his last resting place. The U. S. Census records list him for the last time in 1800 as the head of a household. Of course he might have been living with one of his sons and would not have been listed. In fact, his son Henry was shown in 1810, as having as a member of his household "1 male over 45". Another tradition is that he died at the age of 91. My own best estimate is that he was born about 1720 and died soon after 1810.

The church records of Rev. John Casper Stoever (Pennsylvania Lutheran pastor) shows that "Joh. Casper Dorst married Anna Elizabeth Ferrare of Cocalico Township, June 11, 1735". Again the date is questionable, since their first child was not born until 1766. Also, he did not arrive until 1738. The correct date of the marriage was probably June 17, 1765.

And yet perversely, a Philadelphia newspaper in 1755 carried an item that John Casper and wife Barbara visited friends in that city. Since our ancestor's wife was Anna Elizabeth, it must be assumed that another John Casper was referred to. In fact it is known that another Casper Dorst landed in Philadelphia in 1729 but it is not known whether his first name was John. His relationship to our ancestor, if any, is not known, possibly his father.

Daniel Boone was living in Heidelberg Township during the period John Casper was living there and it is almost certain that they were acquainted. Certainly they were kindred spirits. His name disappears from the Berks

County Tax records about 1770, and appeared on the Elk Lick Township, Somerset County Tax records in 1774. He was assessed for 200 acres of "uncultivated land". (1776). He was certainly one of the very first in the township.

Casper and family belonged to the Reformed Church. When he came to Salisbury, the nearest church was at Berlin. His family, together with the family of Solomon Glotfelty, made the trip of 20 miles each Sunday on horseback.

The land occupied by Casper was known in later times as the Sam Beachy farm, lying in the triangle between the Casselman River and Meadow Run at Salisbury, Pa. It was also owned by his son John who owned a total of 400 acres.

Capt. Hoye listed Casper as a member of the Cresap Company from Cresaptown during the Revolutionary War but this cannot be confirmed as the muster roll of the Company cannot be found. The War Department does not have it.

Another cause of confusion in searching the records is the fact that Casper had a son Casper, and a grandson Casper. At times it is difficult to determine which is which.

Much work remains to be done on the descendents of Casper's children. Only such detail is given as has been authenticated. The only exception is the family of "Lightfoot" John who was my great-grandfather. This is given in considerable detail for 3 generations.

By his (Casper's) first wife, Anna Elizabeth, the following children:

(1) "Lightfoot" John Durst. See details later.
(2) Henry Durst, 1769 or 1770, m. Barbara Garlitz. Both are buried on the Butler farm at Manadiers Ridge.
(3) Jacob Durst, b. 1774, m. Polly Knoyer, 17 years his junior. They moved to Minnesota. A daughter, Lydia married Sam Custer.
(4) Susanna Durst, b. 1776. No further record.
(5) Elizabeth Durst, b. May 4, 1780, m. a Mr. Lenhart.
(6) Casper, Jr., b. 1793, m. Catherine Bittinger, daughter of Henry Bittinger, Indian hunter. Both are buried on Butler farm at Manadiers Ridge.

By his (Casper's) second wife, Widow Knoyer, the following children:

(7) Lydia Durst, m. Archibald Sterner (Starner), brother of Solomon Sterner, Grantsville, Md.
(8) Michael Durst, m. Mary Hensell in 1822.

"Lightfoot" John Durst

He was born October 6, 1766 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. He came to Elk Lick Township with the family. He died about 1840. His will was probated in Cumberland. On September 26, 1790, he married Eva Margaret Glotfelty, daughter of Solomon who was born in Switzerland.

On June 8, 1812, he was mustered into service as a Rifleman in a company attached to First Battalion, 83rd Regiment, First Brigade, 11th

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Division under the command of Maj. Wm. Green (See Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. 17, p. 653, Series 6).

After the death of his first wife, he married a Widow Robinson but there were no children resulting from this marriage. By his first wife the following children were born:

(1) Christian Durst, b. 1791. On January 17, 1818 he married Hannah Wiland (b. 1797). The 1850 Census lists the following children at home:

Elizah, b. 1828
Barbara, b. 1831
Mary, b. 1835
Beal, b. 1838

I have no further information on the other children. Mrs. Durst died on the Custer farm at age 91.

(2) Elizabeth Durst, b. Oct. 10, 1794, d. Aug. 1, 1864. On June 7, 1818, she married Solomon Starner of National Pike fame as an inn-keeper. They were married by Squire Dively of Salisbury. She is buried in old cemetery at Salisbury and he at Grantsville.
Children:

Elizabeth Starner, m. Edward Dively.
Lydia Starner, m. Joseph Dively.
Archibald Starner who inherited the Casselman Hotel. The daughters each inherited a farm.

(3) Solomon Durst, b. Apr. 15, 1797, d. Oct. 28, 1857. He married Lydia Starner (1800-1847). His second wife was Mary (Harbaugh) Schrock (1810-1878), a widow. All are buried at Salisbury, Pa.

Children by first wife:
Jeremiah Durst (Apr. 22, 1819-Feb. 9, 1892), m. Sarah Beachy.

(a) Susan Durst, b. 1847.
(b) John Durst, b. 1848. Died young.
(c) Noah Durst.
(d) Jonas Durst, Aug. 24, 1857-May 22, 1948), m. _____ Kemp.
(e) Ira Durst, - - (1860-1935,) m. Sally Beachy (b. 1864).

John Durst (Nov. 24, 1821-Aug. 21, 1889), m. Sarah Reckner (1828-1910). Both are buried in Reformed Church cemetery at New Germany. Children:

(a) Maria Durst, m. Isaac Spiker.
(b) Ellen Durst, m. John Durst and (2) Capt. Gulley.
(c) Armada Durst, m. Floyd Poleman.
(d) Christine Durst, m. Christian Miller.
(e) Thomas Durst, a railroader at Connelsville.

Michael Durst (Dec. 30, 1823-Jan. 18, 1885). Buried in old Blocher cemetery, off U. S. 40. Wife, Barbara.

(a) Winifred Durst (1848-1906).
(b) Wesley Durst.
(c) Norman Durst (1860-1909).
(d) Emma Durst, m. Wm. Bittner.

Catherine Ann Durst (Mar. 26, 1826-Oct. 22, 1890). m. Matthew Patton.
Children:

(a) Martha Patton.
(b) Sarah Patton (1844-1928), m. _____Butler.
(c) Joseph Patton.
(d) Harvey Patton.
(e) Albert Patton.
(f) Lydia Patton.
(g) Elizabeth Patton.

Samuel S. Durst (Sept. 18, 1828-Sept. 11, 1900), m. Catherine Schrock (1834-1917). Reformed Church cemetery, New Germany.

(a) Oliver Durst (1851-1915), m. Becky Strawn.
(b) Mary Durst, m. John Long.
(c) Lydia Durst, m. David Michaels.
(d) Richard Durst, m. Kary Caton.
(e) Ida Durst, m. Thomas Dunn.
(f) Anna Durst.
(g) Elisha Durst (1868-1936), m. Cynthia Figgie.
(h) Phineas Durst (b. 1870), m. _____Baer.
(i) Calvin Durst (1875-1900).

Lucinda Durst, b. Mar. 20, 1831, m. James Reckner.

(a) John Reckner.
(b) Lloyd Reckner.

By second husband, John Wolfskill, no children.

Phineas Durst (Dec. 1, 1832-June 21, 1894), m. Lucy Schrock.

(a) Gabriel Durst (1858-89), m. Agnes_____(1860-1938).
(b) Silas Durst (1861-1943), m. Elizabeth_____(1866-1940).
(c) Charles Durst (1867-1944), m. Margaret_____(1871-1940)

Dennis Durst (Apr. 30, 1836-Sept. 6, 1862), Civil War Veteran. Killed in action at Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Eliza Durst (Oct. 17, 1838-Jan. 29, 1881), m. Samuel Garlitz. Moved to Kansas, no further record.

Edward Durst (Mar. 2, 1841-Feb. 3, 1921). Belonged to Co. K, Pa. Volunteers, Civil War. Buried at Salisbury, Pennsylvania.

Charles Durst (June 11, 1843-Sept. 5, 1864). Killed in action at Fair Oaks, Va., in Civil War.

Sarah Durst (Sept. 2, 1844-Apr. 12, 1923), m. Perry Butler.

(a) Mary Alice Butler
(b) Charles E. Butler (1877-1949).
(c) Norman Butler.
(d) Lucy Butler. Died in infancy.
(e) Herbert Butler.

Jesse Durst (Aug. 19, 1847-Sept. 21, 1847.)

By Solomon's Second Wife:

Elizabeth Durst (July 5, 1849-Nov. 16, 1862).

Nancy Durst, b. Sept. 22, 1850, m. Jacob Thomas.

(a) Jennie Thomas, m. George Wilt.
(b) Margaret Thomas.

Lydia Durst (Mar. 27, 1852-Oct. 22, 1921).

David Durst, b. Feb. 4, 1854, d. 1933, m. Mary Livengood.

(a) Ollie Durst, m. John Lichty.

(4) DANIEL DURST (July 12, 1803-Sept. 5, 1878), son of John. On August 24, 1824 he married Eliza Compton, daughter of Robert Compton, messenger boy to Gen. George Washington. She was born Apr. 24, 1807 and died Oct. 10, 1889. Both are buried in a private cemetery at New Germany on a hillside overlooking the Recreation Center. They lived on a farm later owned by C. J. Otto and still later, by Samuel Otto. They were certainly among the first settlers. The 12 children are shown below in CAPITALS.

ARCHIBALD DURST. No record. Probably died young.
ROBERT DURST. No record.
WILLIAM DURST (Feb. 28, 1826-Jan. 14, 1859). Buried in old cemetery at New Germany with parents. He married Mahalia Broadwater (3/10/1825-10/4/1907), dau. of Charles Broadwater and granddaughter of Cornelius Broadwater who moved from Loudon County, Va. She is buried in the Methodist cemetery at New Germany. Children:

(a) Rebecca Jane Durst. Died in 1875.
(b) Louvinia Durst (1849-1935), m. Stephen Broadwater (1854-1944). No children but they raised 2 children by his first wife:
Floyd Broadwater, m. Myrtle Otto.
Raymond Broadwater, m. Laura Stevens.
They also raised Jennie Brown.
(c) Lloyd Durst (1852-1924), m. Rebecca Michaels, (1852-1934). Merchant at Lonaconing, Md., both are buried there.
Olin Durst (1878-1922), m. Mary M. Sincell.
Laura Durst, m. Walter Micklewaite.
Ethel Durst, m. Clarence Barnard.
Edna Durst, m. John McIndoe
Lloyd Durst, Jr., m. Ruby Fulkeson.
(d) Augustus Durst (1853-1905), m. Nancy McKenzie (1857-1896).
Fannie Durst, m. Amelus "Carr" Wagner.
Elmer Durst.
Enoch Durst.
Henry Durst, m. Elizabeth Miller.
Delbert Durst, m. Mamie Broadwater.
Carrie Durst, m. Freeman Garlitz.
Marshall Durst, m. Della Broadwater.
George Durst, m. Bessie George.
Sarah Durst, m. Alexander Rahn.
Leroy Durst, m. Thora Winkelman.
(e) Francis Durst (1856-1904) m. Alice Bancord (1859-1920).
Russel Durst, m. Myrtle Fitzwater.
Lulu Durst, m. _____ Riggleman.
Gurnie Durst.
Nellie Durst, m. Frank Stevens.
Forrest Durst (1891-1898).
Cecil Durst, m. Emma Bibbs.
Edith Durst, m. Burrell Poland.
John Durst, m. Nellie Rumers.

HARRIETT DURST (1827-1898), m. Henry Crowe (1815-1884). Children:

(a) Margaret Crowe (1849-1937), m. George Miller.
Howard Miller, m. Minnie Broadwater.
Angela Miller.
Lily Miller, m. Charles Baum.
Laura Miller, m. Jacob Fresh.
Alice Miller, m. Joseph Leidinger.
Dessie Miller, m. Richard Layman.

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Elizabeth Miller, m. Henry Durst.
Cora Miller, m.(1) Dick Patton, (2) John Davies.
Harry Miller, m. (1) Nannie Shaw, (2) Lulu Warnick.
George Gideon Miller, m. Alice Hartman.

(b) Alvin Crowe.
(c) Mary Ellen Crowe.
(d) William Crowe.
(e) Nelson Crowe.
(f) Elizabeth Crowe.
(g) Steward Crowe, m. Louvinia Duckworth.
Samuel Crowe, m. Melva Broadwater.
Lee Crowe.
Harvey Crowe.
Edgar Crowe.
Mary Crowe, m. Leonard Wilhelm.
Pearl Crowe, m. Julius Wilhelm.
Hazel Crowe, m. Earl Garlitz.
(h) Robert Crowe (1868-1942), m. Ella Warne (1879-1947).
Beulah Crowe, m. Henry Michaels.
Ora Crowe, m. Charles Durst.
(i) Webster Crowe, m. Ada McIntyre.
Owen Crowe, m. Nellie Poleman.
Stanley Crowe.

SOLOMON DURST (1828-2/8/1899). Did not marry. Buried in Methodist cemetery at New Germany.

SARAH (Sally) ANN DURST (Mar. 15, 1835-Aug. 1, 1899). On May 5, 1864, she m. John Lewis Michaels (July 1, 1836-Sept. 4, 1926). Lived at Firm Rock. Buried in Michaels cemetery.

(a) Zilpha May (Isa) Michaels (Oct. 5, 1865-Oct. 24, 1948).
By a former marriage to Zilpha Jacobs (1835-1863), the following children:
Alpha Michaels (Livengood)(2/28/1856-3/7/1934).
Nathan T. Michaels (Aug. 20, 1857-Jan. 22, 1935). Had one son, Edgar, who m. Ida Stark. They had a daughter Frances, who m. Glenn Hedges.
Philip A. Michaels (Nov. 20, 1859-Mar. 18, 1895).
Mary Mollie Michaels (Mar. 12, 1862-July 23, 1944).

HANSON DURST (1838-1905), m. Charlotte Ann Broadwater, dau. of Chas. C. & Dorcas (Duckworth) Broadwater. Dry Run.

(a) Martha Durst (1861-1917), m. Thomas Wilt.
Jefferson Wilt, m. Cora Jartman.
Angelena Wilt, m. Albert Hickle.
Floyd Wilt, m. Jessie Brown.
Lora Wilt, died at age 9.
No children by Martha's second husband, Jacob McDonald.
(b) Stephen Durst (1863-1952), m. Jennie McRobie.
Harrison Durst, m. Katherine Young.
Frank Durst, m. Ethel Williams.
Clyde Durst, m. Roberta Taylor.
David Durst, m. Katherine Surgalski.
William Durst, m. Orpha Hoover.
Gladys Durst, m. Ray Bailey.
Kenneth Durst, died in the Marines.

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Katherine Durst, m. Charles Messenger, Akron.
John Durst, died at age 3.
Martha Durst, m. Clarence Wilt.

(c) Agnes Durst (1864-1952), m. William Sturm.
Lovie Sturm, m. Wilbur Lowe.
Rita Sturm, m. Andrew Starcher.
Thelma Sturm, m. Paul Slider.
Willa Sturm, m. Walter Scott.
Bessie Sturm, m. Ted Roberts.
Hollie Sturm, m. Leon _____.
Lona Sturm, m. Eddie Starcher.

(d) Alice Durst (1866-1943), m. Charles Wilt.
Minnie Mabel Wilt, died young.

(e) James Durst (1868). Did not marry.

(f) Mortimer Durst (1870). Did not marry.

(g) Jane (Harriett) Durst (Apr. 18, 1871-Sept. 11, 1945). m. John Kemp (May 2, 1867-July 1, 1936).
Elmer Kemp (Jan. 23, 1894-Sept. 10, 1946). m. Jean Stenley.
Carrie Kemp, b. Jan. 13, 1896. Mill Creek, W. Va.
Clarence Kemp, b. Mar. 15, 1898, m. Lucille Helmick.
Nettie Kemp, b. Oct. 2, 1908, m. Robert English.
Frances Kemp, b. Dec. 27, 1910, m. (1) Harold Updike (2) Byron Woods.
Howard Kemp, died young.
Bessie Kemp, died young.
Edward Kemp, died young.

(h) William Durst (Apr. 12, 1873-1956), m. Cordelia Blocher (d. 1918). Lived at Dry Run.
Lloyal Durst, died at age 16 months.
Hattie Durst, m. James Murphy. Sand Patch.
Lester F. Durst, m. Nadine Green. Cumberland.
Vernon Durst, m. Leona Fulk. Cumberland.
Lois Durst, m. Walter Howell. Corriganville.

By William's second wife, Pearl Filsinger:
Curtis Durst.

SUSAN DURST (1839-1924), m. Daniel B. Layman (1834-1911). He was the son of George W. and Sarah Layman and grandson of George (b. 1780) and Mary Lehman. Susan and Daniel are buried in the Mt. Zion cemetery.

(a) Henry Thomas Layman (1855-1945), m. Callie Brown, Richwood, West Virginia.
Clyde Layman.
Cleo Layman.
Susan Layman.
Glencoe Layman

By Henry's second wife, _____ an adopted daughter.

(b) Georgiana Layman (1857-1934).

(c) Sarah Jane Layman (1859-1931).

(d) Mary Martha Layman (1861-1937).

(e) Elmer E. Layman (1864-1917).

(f) Mazie E. Layman (1866-1944).

(g) Daniel Burhman Layman (1868-1944), m. Mary Nelson (1868-1946). Both are buried at Frostburg, Md.
Duncan Layman, m. Jane Naismith.
Laura Layman, m. William C. Brode.
Burhman Layman. Died in 1924.

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Susan Durst (g) cont'd.

Malcolm Layman, d. 1919, m. Hazel E. Thomas.
James Layman.
Jane Layman, m. John Horchler. Grantsville, Md.
Daniel Layman, Jr., m. Mildred Alexandra.
Evan Layman, m. Leona Meager.
Marvin Layman, m. Elizabeth Plummer.

(h) Margaret E. Layman (1871-1935), m. George Baker (1860-1945).
Hettie Baker, m. Rice Chambers.
Clarence Baker, m. Alma Ausborne.
Marshall Baker. Died in World War I.
Edna Baker, died in infancy.
May Baker, m. Leonard Klink.
Daniel Baker, m. Agnes Williams.
Lester Baker.
Charles Baker, m. Josephine Kitis.
Walter Baker, m. Edna Caton.
Clyde Baker, m. Irene Finzel.
Lydia Baker.

(i) Marion Viola Layman (1873-1932).

(j) Charles L. Layman (1873-1877).

(k) Nancy C. Layman (1875-1923), m. Russel Rosenberger (1866-1946).
Wm. Rosenberger, m. Marion H. Heare. Ravenna, Ohio.
Charles Rosenberger.
Harry Rosenberger, m. Gladys Wellen.
Allan Rosenberger, m. Erma Rhinehart.
Anna Mary Rosenberger, m. Carl C. Ware. California.
Stanley Rosenberger, m. Nina Irene Brandt.
Sarah Belle Rosenberger, m. Chas. Francis Iseman.

CHARLES DURST (3/8/1841-7/26/1907), m. Rebecca Otto (1/1/1839-5/13/1904). Buried in the Methodist cemetery at New Germany.

(a) William Durst (1861-1883). Did not marry.

(b) Jacob Lewis Durst (12/5/1862), m. Sarah Ellen Hershberger. Lived many years at Terra Alta, West Virginia.
Hazel Durst, m. Frank Beatty.
Roy Durst, m. Gertrude Elsie.
Dessie Durst, m. John Bell.
Clarence Durst, m. Ann Cline. A Methodist minister.

(c) Annie Bell Durst, b. May 29, 1864, m. Otha Garlitz. Avilton.
Alonzo Garlitz, m. Effie Warnick.
Sarah Ellen Garlitz, m. Urban McKenzie.
Harry Garlitz, m. Kate Donahey.
Tina Garlitz.
Edgar Garlitz, m. Agnes Donaldson.
Wilmoth Garlitz, m. Audrey Henekemp.
Lela Garlitz, m. Henry Shob.
Joseph Garlitz.

(d) Mary Catherine Durst (Apr. 26, 1866-1935), m. William Ebaugh. Lived at Meyersdale, Pennsylvania.
Homer Ebaugh, m. Sarah Brown.
Ruth Ebaugh, m. George Hargreaves.
Sadie Ebaugh, M. Forrest Daum.
Mary Ebaugh, m. Kenneth Saylor.
Margaret Ebaugh, m. Charles Spade.
Hilda Ebaugh, m. John Shultz.

(e) Christian C. Durst (Feb. 4, 1870-1939), m. Etta Bancord (1872-1934). Buried in Methodist cemetery, New Germany.
Wynona Durst (1898-1939), m. John Horchler.
Wm. Durst (1898-1956), m. Alice Raley. Twin of Wynona.
Robert Durst, m. Mabel Staup.
Stella Durst, m. Homer Rosen.
Melvin Durst (1901-1930). A ministerial student.

(f) Eliza Jane Durst (Aug. 29, 1872-Dec. 1953), m. Herman Robinson. Avilton, Md.
Leah Robinson, m. (1) Ara Seggie (2) James DeVault.
Frank Robinson, m. Evelyn Stark.
Ellis Robinson, m. Olive Fike.

(g) Amelia Durst, b. Feb. 27, 1873, m. Lewis Orendorf. Lived at Cherry Meadows. She now lives at Greenwood, Del.
Verna Orendorf.
Arminta Orendorf, m. Abram Jones.
Gertrude Orendorf, m. Herring Walker.
Bertha Orendorf, m. Alva Chaffinch.
Lilly Orendorf, m. Joseph Handy.
Ruth Orendorf, m. Lester Adams.
Clara Orendorf, m. Wilbur McCracken.
Olive Orendorf, m. Al Gardner.
Beulah Orendorf, m. Daniel Altman.
Dwight Orendorf, m. Rachel Adams.

(h) James Thomas Durst (June 25, 1875-1952). Mogadore, Ohio

(i) Sarah Durst, b. Oct. 15, 1878, m. Fred Lynch, Akron, Ohio.
Glenn Lynch.
Howard Lynch.

(j) Chas. Elbridge Durst, b. 1880, m. Charlsey Jones. Mogadore, Ohio
Margie Durst.
Sarah Durst.

(k) Susan Durst, b. 1886, m. (1) Albert Kolbfleish, (2) Joseph Young.
Evan Kolflesh.

MARY JANE DURST (12/24/1843-12/10/1934). Did not marry. In her younger days she worked for the Shaw family of Allegany County. She was also a seamstress. Buried in Methodist cemetery, New Germany.

DAVID DURST (1846-1930). Enlisted Mar. 3, 1864 in Co. A, 3rd Regiment, Potomac Home Guards, Infantry. He was a shoe-maker in Oakland, Md. He m. (1) Amelia Sheets. No children. (2) Lucinda Beachy.

(a) Earl Durst (6/24/1881-5/2/1936), m. Florence Wensell
Earl Lee Durst, m. Ada Saum.

(b) Lloyd B. Durst (1885-1951), m. Bessie Lee. Wheeling, West Virginia.
June Durst, m. John Brenner.

JAMES MADISON DURST (5/17/1850-8/13/1927), m. Nancy Daniels (5/9/1852-12/2/1914) from the Cove. Both are buried in Methodist cemetery at New Germany.

(a) Harry Oscar Durst (8/28/1878-4/17/1947), m. Daisy White. He is buried at Oakland, Md.
Annie Nancy Durst, m. Howard Barr. Baltimore.
Roy Oscar Durst, m. Marianna Long. Manassas, Virginia.
Floyd Lee's Durst. Oakland. m - Georgia Cassady
Wilda Juanita Durst, m. Gerald Sanders, Oakland, Md.

(b) Albert Bruce Durst (4/24/1880-6/30/1928), m. Margaret Brenneman (1876-1929). Buried at Underwood.
Dora Jane Durst, m. David Bowman.
Ethel Marie Durst, m. Lester Gank.
Helen Irene Durst, m. Gilbert Gank.
Harry Elmer Durst, m. Jessie _____.
Hazel Elizabeth Durst, m. (1) Walter Rhodes, (2) Elmer Manier.
Albert Ray Durst, m. Lela Rhodes.
(c) Asa Milton Durst (11/2/1882-11/7/1913). Not married.
(d) Dora Lea Durst (7/12/1884-5/19/1926), m. Tom Raley.
James Cecil Raley. U. S. Army.
Francis Everett Raley, m. Elizabeth Schuchman.
(e) Ross Compton Durst, b. 2/10/1889, m. Hilda Keyes (1889-1941). Teacher and Civil Engineer. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Evelyn Ruth Durst, m. Ralph Phelps.
Mary Kathleen Durst, m. (1) Richard Pidwell, (2) John C. Pidwell.
Richard Homer Durst, m. Dolores Davidson.

(5) Jacob Durst (Feb. 7, 1806-Apr. 29, 1886), son of John and twin of Henry. He married Elizabeth Engle (Sept. 9, 1819-Feb. 5, 1887), dau. of Adam Engle of Somerset Co., Pa. Both are buried in the Reformed Church cemetery at New Germany, Md. They lived on a farm in the Wolf Swamp section. Their children:

Louise Durst, m. William Jenkins. New Germany, Md.
(a) Arnold Jenkins. M. Molly Diefenbach.
(b) Elizabeth Jenkins, m. Samuel Brenneman.
(c) Rebecca Jane Jenkins (1869-1944).
(d) Ida Jenkins, m. Lyman Golaway.
(e) Charles Jenkins.
(f) Ralph Jenkins, m. Anna Stevens.
Elizabeth Durst. Died at age 16. She was 2 years younger than Louise.
Alfred Durst, m. Delpha McGruder. Barton, Md.
(a) Gordon Durst.
(b) Edna Durst.
(c) Lee Durst.
(d) Silas Durst. South Dakota.
(e) Ethel Durst.
Silas Durst. Did not marry.
Lydia Durst, m. Isaac Enos. Ursinus, Pa.
Emma Durst. Did not marry.
Asa Durst (July 21, 1850-Sept. 20, 1907). Did not marry.
William H. Durst (Jan. 10, 1855-Aug. 13, 1933), m. Georgia Ann Custer (Jan. 29, 1855-Aug. 1, 1933). Mt. Nebo.
(a) Maud V. Durst (1881-1925).
(b) Joseph Durst (June 22, 1884-May 26, 1885).
(c) Ada H. Durst (1885-1919).
(d) Floyd Durst (July 29, 1889), m. _____ Setzer.
(e) Leroy Durst, b. May 21, 1887.
(f) Sydney Durst, b. June 10, 1891.
(g) Frank Durst (1894-1921).
Anna Durst, m. William Stanton. Grantsville.
(a) Earl Stanton, m. Ruth Smouse.
(b) Ray Stanton, m. Ethel Miller.
(c) Claude Stanton.

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(5) Anna Durst - cont'd.

(d) Clay Stanton. Died in World War I.
(e) Hubert Stanton.
(f) Guy Stanton.

Sally Durst, m. Joseph Patton.
(a) A daughter _____ Patton.

Jacob Louis Durst (1857-1943), m. Alcinda Baker, b. 1861. Auctioneer. Lived at Jennings. Buried at New Germany.

(a) Truman Durst, m. Zuma Stark.
(b) Clarence Durst, m. Viola Hetrick.
(c) Elizabeth Durst, m. Jonas Orendorf.
(d) Cora Durst, m. Arthur Broadwater.

By second wife, Sydney Custer (1864-1945):
(e) Ray Durst, m. Grace Beckman.
(f) Reed Durst.
(g) Ruth Durst, m. Tom Chandler.
(h) Rose Durst, m. Charles Ross.

Harriett Durst, m. Wesley Engle. Moved to Minnesota.

Margaret Durst, m. Conrad Myers.

Jacob

(6) Henry Durst, son of John and twin of Jacob. Born Feb. 6, 1806. Died between 1880 and 1882. He married Catherine Engle. Upon her death he married Margaret Engle, youngest of the 3 sisters. (Elizabeth was married to Henry Durst). Thus we have the unusual situation of 3 sisters married to twin brothers. Children by Catherine:

Elisha Durst (1832-1867), m. Armada Compton. He is buried in the Compton plot in the Grantsville (md.) cemetery. After his death, she married Nelson Glotfelty and moved to Fillmore, Minn. There were no children by Elisha's marriage and I have no record of the Glotfelty children.

Elizabeth Durst (1837-about 1920), m. Henry Meyers. Buried near Oakland, Md.

(a) Ellen Meyers, m. John Loar.
(b) Simon Meyers. Did not marry.
(c) Henry Meyers, Jr., m. Susan Kimmel.
(d) Linnie Meyers, m. _____ Ashby.
(e) Margaret Meyers, m. John Bow.
(f) Anna Meyers, m. Charles Edwards.
(g) Clara Meyers, m. Charles Menear.

Emily Durst
Catherine (Katy) Durst, b. 1840.

Simon Durst, b. 1845.

Children by Margaret Engle:
Elias Durst, b. 1847.
Zina Durst.
Jennie Durst.
Jacob Durst. Never married. Moved to Minnesota and died there.
Henry Durst, Jr., m. ____ Blocher. Moved to Minnesota. Three children died of diphtheria while Mrs. Durst was visiting relatives in Maryland.
Marie Durst.

SOME TALL TALES

The following article appeared in a book by Jacob Brown, a well known attorney
n Cumberland, Md. It was written in 1854 for a newspaper and came out in book form
n 1896 under the title of "Brown's Miscellaneous Writings". The same story appeared
n Scharf's "History of Western Maryland."

"No one now knows just when Casper Durst came to this part of the country, but certainly a very long time ago; at any rate he is the progenitor of all the Durst name who so numerously populate Garretta and Allegany Counties, to say nothing of the legions scattered over neighboring and western states. Little is known of old Casper. Tradition says he was a man of remarkable agility. It is said of him that he could spring a wolf trap with his feet and jump out without being caught. This is a pretty tough story and is not vouched for; but another more reasonable and no doubt true is told of his son, "Lightfoot" John, who was considerable of a hunter. Finding himself short of ammunition and there being none nearer than Cumberland, 27 miles distant, he donned his hunting shirt and deer skin moccasins, and off he went afoot (he would travel no other way) to the city and returned home before sundown with replenished horn and pouch, and a buck was made to feel the quality of the new powder and lead the same evening. If John Durst was here now, a young man, he would soon win the Astley belt as a walker.

The Durst family are by far the most numerous in this part of the country and are noted for their amiable and clever dispositions and are good, lawabiding citizens. Major Philip and Michael Durst are perhaps better known to the public than the rest. They are worthy, respectable and useful men. The family never was ambitious for public places but still some of them filled important places and responsible offices.

Henry Durst, grandson of Casper, is now the patriarch of the Durst family at almost four score, but hale, hearty, and capable of doing a good day's work. Just here we recall an amusing incident. We were once in the woods gunning together; game was not very abundant, but while standing under a large tree, a fine coon was discovered perched in the top boughs. A missive in the shape of a piece of lead was sent up to his abode to invite him to come down; a speedy response came, but the animal was rude enough to throw himself upon the shoulder of our fellow huntsman. Result, a lame shoulder for many days and some "powerful" swearing of the old pattern, openly aimed at the dead varmint but really at the young man with an empty gun in his hand."

A few additional extracts from the book follows:

"Major Philip Durst died February 29, 1888 at his home in Smooth Valley near Grantsville at the age of 71. He was buried at the old Blocher Cemetery nearby among his ancestors who first came to this vicinity over a century ago. His wife, once the wife of the late Peter Yeast, died in 1870. He left no children."

"Jeremiah Durst died on Sept. 1, 1883, aged 61. He was the son of that good old man, Jacob Durst, who died more than a generation ago. His survivors were his widow, 2 daughters and a son."

"Mrs. Julia Anne Durst, wife of Michael Durst, Commissioner, died at their home, one mile east of Johnson's on Jan. 27, 1890 at the age of 67. Married in 1842. Left 4 daughters and 4 sons. George M. Durst, the oldest son is an editor and prominent man in Missouri."

THE DURST NATIONALITY

Berks County, Pennsylvania was largely settled by German Palatines. They were "church people", largely Lutheran and Reformed. I have always believed that Casper Durst was one of this group. Yet there are other claims. Elisha Durst once stated that his father claimed that Casper came from Holland. Capt. Hoye wrote that the Dursts were Swiss. Another cousin says her father told her our ancestors came from the Isle of Wight (South of England). So, choose your own nationality.

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These few pages represent the results of ten years of efforts in collecting, compiling and comparing of statistics. The original hope was to bring the geneology down to the present generation but the great effort needed for such an enterprise makes it impossible. Perhaps some younger member of the clan will be willing to make the necessary sacrifice to complete the work.

So many persons and sources have contributed information that it is impractical to attempt to name them all. So the best we can do is to say "Thank you".

In spite of incessant checking, errors will creep into such a collection. Any additions or corrections will be gratefully received.

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